



MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting
August 11, 2020
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:03 p.m.

PRAC Members present: Dave Dobbs, Dru Alberti, Daniel Babcock, Ashley Fuller (left at 7:45 p.m.), Brady Hamilton, Karl Kleinebreil, Adam NeVille (left at 7:57 p.m.), Michael Shirley, Marvin Smith, David Sobeck and Sylvia Tarin (arrived at 6:23 p.m.)

Staff present: Adam Robinson-Recreation Manager, Alexis Ramirez-Recreation and Communication Analyst, Torin Sadow-Management Assistant, Brad Greer-Recreation Coordinator and Robert Kikkert-Park Ranger

Public attendees: Jeff Velasquez and Kurt Montei from J2 Engineering and Environmental Design

2. **Introductions:** None

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Items for Discussion:**

A. Consideration and possible approval of the January 14, 2020 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Dru Alberti

Second: Daniel Babcock

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

B. Presentation and discussion on 2020 Census - Torin Sadow, Management Analyst

- Torin provided PRAC with an update on the 2020 Census.
- The new deadline date to complete the 2020 Census is Sept. 30.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- How can you complete the Census in 2020?
 - Online, phone, in person and mail

C. Presentation and discussion on East Park project - Adam Robinson, Recreation Manager and Jeff Velasquez and Kurt Montei from J2 Engineering and Environmental Design

- Adam Robinson provided a review of the process so far including the land availability.

- Jeff provided a review of the engineering and flood control plans and described the initial designs.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- We went from 102 to 82 acres in the park?
 - Yes, that is correct.
- Is the only difference between the designs is that there is an additional ballfield?
 - There are a couple of other small changes such as more courts but the main being the ballfield.
- What was the distance of that ballfield?
 - 315 feet
- Useless space by the power lines, can you clarify what can and cannot go there?
 - We think of it in terms of loss space for park amenities but could potentially use it parking overflow
- Prefer concept 1 because of the flow of the parking lot
- Prefer concept 2 due to extra ballfield and the extra half acre on the lake
- Like the idea of the view if someone is driving by

D. Presentation and discussion on San Tan Youth Football League end of season report - Adam NeVille, STYFL President

- 896 participants
 - 694 tackle
 - 202 flag
- Over 30,000 volunteer hours
- Donated over \$10,000 to Queen Creek families for the holidays
- Provided 34 scholarships (full or partial)
- Only had 40 respondents to end of season survey

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Our numbers are off by only 50 when compared to last year at this time
- We have incorporated new safety precautions, including taking temperatures before games, sanitizing equipment between games and having on site sanitation
- Only 40 responses out of nearly 700 participants, do you offer anything to entice them to complete it?
 - We did not send out the survey until after the holidays and it was too long of a time from season ending until survey taking.
- Suggestion to provide surveys at end of the season events and celebrations.

E. Discussion on E-bikes on trails - Adam Robinson and Robert Kikkert, Park Ranger

- Adam provided an overview of the three classes of electric bicycles.
- Adam also informed PRAC that the Town had received comments on e-bikes; one against and two in favor.
- Ranger Rob provided insight as a Park Ranger. He has noticed a recent increase in e-bike use as a frequent cyclist and QC trail user.
- Current Town regulations and rules do not allow for e-bikes in the park and trail system. When Park Rangers and staff encounter e-bikes, the enforcement is based on educating the user about safety and rules.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Do e-bikes make a noise?
 - Not really, they make a quiet hum.
- What about a permit for e-bikes for the elderly/disabled? Could that assist with minimizing the amount seen on the trails?
 - Other states and cities have required a driver's license to operate an e-bike

- Potentially but would need to do additional research, especially regarding ADA
- Can we be provided data about how many ATV and motor vehicle violations occur a week/month?
 - Absolutely, we will bring that information the next time we discuss this topic

F. Discussion on updated Public Park Regulations and Park Rules related to businesses in the parks - Adam Robinson

- Adam provided some background information on businesses in the parks. Businesses in the parks include the sale of items (food and such), fitness instructors teaching boot camps or Zumba classes or personal training sessions. Current policy states groups of 15 or more require a permit, as large groups have an impact on the park.
- A recent event where people jumped curbs and landscaping when regular parking lots filled up, however the overflow parking lot was quite empty. Permits allow staff to plan ahead and have someone on site to direct people to the overflow lot.
- As gyms and other businesses closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the parks were used heavily for fitness camps and other recreational businesses. During the COVID closures we took a more hands off approach, however now as businesses are opening up again we want to start addressing the issue and develop well throughout policy with adequate enforcement.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- Do we have edits ready to be approved or are we developing solutions?
 - The park regulations were provided in the packet for this meeting but please read through them, share them, ask other park users or your friends for feedback and email any feedback or suggestions to Alexis.
- I don't have a problem with the smaller groups (less than 3) or one-on-one training.
- I see a lot of people getting one-on-one instruction for pitching techniques or hitting lessons in smaller off areas of the park, I see no issue with this use. I do have an issue with someone who uses the entire multipurpose field when it's clearly an organized activity.
- I agree but people should also not be able to profit (charging for services) off of using the park without obtaining a permit or being a part of our recreation programs.
- It can be hard to tell if it is a dad and son practicing a skill or a coach/trainer charging for a lesson. Need clear guidelines.
- Suggestion to change beer permits to include wine, so beer and wine permits.
- Suggestion to provide some type of notice/sign to display for permitted activities and rentals.

G. Discussion and possible approval of the FY20/21 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Program - Alexis Ramirez, Recreation and Communication Analyst

Alexis provided a review of the FY21 work program, some of the items are carryovers from the previous plan.

Motion to approve the FY20/21 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Program:

Karl Kleinebreil

Second: Sylvia Tarin

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

H. Department Updates

- We are also in design for 2 miles of trail improvements to Sonoqui Wash along Riggs from Hawes to the Crimson Road alignment. We will be doing some public outreach once we get further along and plan to have designs completed by the end of this year.

- One day special events (Founders' Day and Trunk or Treat) are being modified to month long celebrations. Activities will include scavenger hunts, virtual contests, family projects to complete at home. Staff will reach out with volunteer opportunities for PRAC.
- Councilmember Benning was unable to attend today's meeting but he is happy to be reassigned to PRAC and looking forward to attending future meetings.
- SIC classes are scheduled to begin soon and the Senior Program is still on hold until further notice.

F. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2020.

5. **Announcements:** None
6. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.
Motion to adjourn: Dru Alberti
Second: Karl Kleinebreil
Vote: Approved; Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on August 11, 2020

PASSED AND APPROVED: September 15, 2020

 (Dru Alberti, 2020 09 15, 2020 19:20 PDT)

Dru Alberti, PRAC Vice-Chair


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